GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains allotted to the States and the quantum actually lifted by them under the Public Distribution System and other welfare schemes during each of the last three years, State-wise and category-wise;

(b) the basis of such allocation during the said period;

(c) whether the States have requested the Union Government for any increase or additional allocation of foodgrains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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(a) to (d): State-wise and category-wise details of the allocations and offtake of foodgrains under TPDS and other welfare schemes during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are at Annex. 1 to 4.

The allocations of foodgrains for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) are made @ 35 kg. per family per month on the basis of 1993-94 poverty estimates of the Planning Commission projected on March 2000 population estimates of the Registrar General of India or the number of families actually identified and ration cards issued to them by State/UT Governments, whichever is less. The allocations for Above Poverty Line (APL) category are made depending upon the availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool and past offtake.

Presently, allocations of foodgrains for the APL category range between 15 kg and 35 kg per family per month in different States/UTs.

Requests have been received from time to time from different States/UTs for increase/ additional allocation of foodgrains. Considering these requests and availability of stocks in the Central Pool, Government has made additional allocations.